(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the particulars of persons arrested for manufacturing, selling and purchasing such country-made weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On receipt of information a police party from Police Station Vivek Vihar raided a jhuggi in New Sanjay Amar Colony and found one person busy manufacturing weapons. The police recovered one finished weapon, three semi-finished weapons, arms manufacturing equipment, etc.

The interrogation of the accused person has led to the arrest of three others who had purchased arms from him.

Wage Board for Mini Cement Plants

293. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Wage Board for the employees working in the mini cement plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Wage Board is expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

UN sponsored study on Deforestation

294. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent UN sponsored study according to which 27 million acres of forests are being destroyed annually;

(b) if so, the acreage of forests destroyed annually in India; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check deforestation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to studies of Satellite imagery by the National Remote Sensing Agency, the annual rate of deforestation in India during 1972—75 to 1980—82 was approximately 1.3 million hectares per annum.

(c) the following steps have been taken by the Government to check deforestation:—

1. Enactment and enforcement of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. Guidelines have been issued to the state governments to:—

(i) avoid clearfelling of natural forests for rajsing plantations as far as possible. Where such felling are unavoidable due to restorations of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 ha. in the hills and 20 ha. in the plains. In no case good natural forests should be clearfelled in prefernce to poorly stocked natural forests.

(ii) ban all fellings above an altitude of 1000 meters atleast for some years.

(iii) to earmark 4 per cent of the geographical area as portec-

tion areas, like wildlife sanctuaries, National parks, Biosphere Reserves, Preservation Plots, etc.

(iv) prefer raising of mixed species of indigenous origin to monoculture. The indigenous species should receive precedence over exotics.

3. The National Wasteland Development Board has been set up with the object of bringing 5 million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantation.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

295. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes pending with the Central Government with regard to the Development of tourism in Orissa; and

(b) what is the number of schemes put forward by the State Government and how many out of them have been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present the following schemes are pending with the Central Government with regard to the development of tourism in Orissa:

(i) Water Sports Centre near Ramchandi

(ii) Beach Resort at Mohododhi niwas

(iii) Beach Resort at Chandipur near Balasore

(iv) Beach Resort at Paradip

(v) Beach Resort at Gopalpur

(iv) Wayside amenities at Chandikhol and Bhadrak

(vii) Trekking base at Mahendragiri

(viii) 34-seater Yachts for Rambha and Satpada

(xi) Forest Lodge at Tikrapara

(x) Welcome Centre at Sohela

(xi) Welcome Centre at Girisola

(vii) Camping site at Konark

(xiii) Welcome Centre at Bangirposhi

(b) During the current financial year, 13 proposals were received from the State Government for Central financial assistance. One scheme has been accepted so far

Penalty imposed by CCI&E on firms

296. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the firms/companies on which the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports has imposed penalties during the last two years and the amount in each case;

(b) whether some of the firms have been debarred by the CCI&E and if so, the name of those firms; and

(c) what are the details of the cases in which show-cause notices have been issued or are being issued by the CCI&E?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Penalties were imposed by the Head Quarters office of CCI&E under the provisions of Imports & Exports (Control) Act, 1947 on 186 firms during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 as per details in List-I attached herewith (*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 11].

(b) Out of 186 firms, 131 firms were also debarred as per details in List-II attached herewith. (*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 12].

(c) Details of 163 firms to whom show cause notices have been issued by the Headquarters Office of CCI&E for penalty and debarment under the Imports & Exports (Control) Act, 1947 and Imports (Control) Order, 1955 during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 and are pending disposal, are given in List-II attached herewith.